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Executive Summary

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Purpose

To understand what the organization owns, who is responsible for it, and how it supports business operations — using the Master Asset Register as the primary living document.

Guide 1: Navigate

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Primary Living Document: Master Asset Register

Primary Objective: Understand what the organization owns, who is responsible for it, and how it supports business operations.

Key Tasks Addressed

- Constant asset discovery, network sweeps, and live inventory validation.
- Rigorous data classification mappings (Public vs. Internal vs. Confidential).
- Rapid identification and elimination of vendor lock-in and shadow IT platforms (unapproved tools employees adopt on their own).
- Maintaining sovereign, internal control over root administrative keys and corporate registrar credentials.

When to Use This Guide

Use Navigate when:

- Starting your GRC program.
- Acquiring another business.
- Implementing major new technology.
- Adding a new location.
- During annual strategic planning.
- When preparing for a customer security assessment.

Who Should Participate?

Primary Owner

- Business Owner
- CIO / IT Manager
- Operations Manager

Supporting Roles

- Department Managers
- Finance
- Human Resources
- MSP
- Key Vendors (when appropriate)

Common Mistakes

Avoid:

- Forgetting cloud applications.
- Ignoring SaaS subscriptions.
- Not assigning ownership.
- Treating the inventory as a one-time exercise.

Success Check

You've successfully completed Navigate when:

- Every business-critical asset has an owner.
- Every critical vendor is documented.
- Every business system appears in the Asset Register.
- Leadership can answer, “What do we own and what depends on it?”